



WINNING TEAM - East Ardsley skipper Andy Langley holds the Morley Advertiser Sport Cricket Trophy after his side triumphed in this year's event. Also pictured are Dominic Hunt and Liam Whittlestone plus players Tariq Hafeez, Geoff Hunt, Rob Hoban, Julian Smith and Danny McTernan. (DM10034a36).

Langley leads East Ardsley to cup triumph

EAST Ardsley won the 2001 Advertiser Sport Cricket Cup at chilly Scatterd Lane on Sunday.

The Central Yorkshire League division one side won all four of their games in the competition which has this season been redesigned as a six-a-side tournament.

Unfortunately holders Gildersome were unable to field a side to defend the trophy they won so dramatically last season against the new holders, while Adwalton also failed to appear.

This left hosts Morley, Drighlington, Woodkirk and East Ardsley to battle it out for the Cup, with each side playing each other in five-over matches.

At the end of the group rounds, Ardsley finished top with three wins out of three, Morley were



second with two wins and one defeat, Woodkirk third, with one win and two defeats and then Drighlington who finished without a win.

In the final, Morley scored 71 off their five overs, leaving Ardsley needing two runs a ball for

victory.

The Jeffrey Field side got off to a flying start when openers Geoff Hunt and Tariq Hafeez put on 39 in the first two overs, with all-rounder Hafeez scoring 29 of them before he was bowled.

It looked like being Morley's final when Andy Langley was bowled soon after, but two wides gifted Ardsley 12 runs and they were able to knock off the required runs for victory with five balls to spare.

Hafeez's efforts earned him the man of the match award, while the player of the tournament was awarded to Morley's Chris Smith.

The draw has also taken place for next year's event which will take place at Jeffrey Field with hosts East Ardsley promising a day to remember for all the community when they will be bidding to reach the final for the third year running.